Kansas Agitator

GARNETT KANSAS

A skull would make a good figurehead for the modern railroad locomo-

The lobster is said to be disappearing from American waters. That accounts for some things.

The mowing machine knocked out the farmer's scythe and the racing machine is after Death's.

By all means, let the scientists "isolate" the penumonia germ. If possible, give it a life sentence.

Santo Domingo cannot expect to attract public attention at this time with a little 2x4 revolution.

Perhaps the members of that Amish

colony who insist that the earth is flat had been to see a minstrel show. Bad whisky killed fifteen persons in New York. There are no statistics

killed. Richard Mansfield takes his pen in hand to say that "no one is writing and few are acting." A saving dis-

to show how many good whisky

New York and Boston have the champion baseball teams. Professional baseball is now played mostly by old people.

tinction.

The St. Louis inventor who thought he had mastered the problem of aerial navigation is now in the hospital with a broken leg.

With twenty-five men dead in a week from drinking New York whisky, the Gothamites will no longer slur "Jersey lightning."

Firewater, it has been grievously demonstrated, is the most dangerous kind of speed-making power for automobilists to employ.

Mr. Rockefeller is a conspicuous example of what a man can achieve by close attention to business after he has passed the age of 35.

Also, the theory that long engagements prevent divorce might be up-held on the well-known fact that they frequently prevent marriage.

Yvette Guilbert wants to make another tour in the United States. All that is lacking to make the wish unanimous is the concurrence of the United States.

When rich men's sons spend their money foolishly it gives poor men the opportunity to accumulate great fortunes to leave to their sons to spend

So the young ladies of Brya Mawr are not to be permitted to flirt! Perhaps, though, they will not be forbidden to breathe, and we shall have

Our great soldiers are the most earnest advocates of peace. Gen. Miles has told the peace congress that war is terrible. Only those "jest at scars who never felt a wound."

Col. Younghusband's men are reported to be suffering many hardships on their way back from Lhassa. This is probably due to the fact that they are bringing so much with them.

A college student while absorbed in a letter from home, walked through a plate-glass window. He promptly paid \$15 for the pane. The letter must have contained a remittance.

Stick close to your desk, young man, and some day you may be the president of a railway company with a chance to resign and draw a salary of \$75,000 for several years after your resignation

For the man who is for peace and prohibition, the only consolation he can get at this time is to know that a bottle of champagne is being smashed every time one of these new warships is christened.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, though one of the most brilliant men in England, was among his personal acquaintances one of the least popular. It is well to shine, but more important to glow.

An Arizona bachelos wants to know if he will violate the law by raffling himself off at \$1 a chance for 2,500 chances to get a husband. Certainly not. It has always been held that marriage is a lottery.

When the Russian conductor comes around at Tibet to collect fare he will find John Bull with such a serene, convincing "got on four miles back" look about him that he will probably pass on without disturbing him.

Those scientists who assert that dent when we are told that words have dental work may be made painless if neither gender nor declension; that the patient will only look steadily at verbs have no conjugation (and may a blue light have a lot of things to explain. To a man with the toothache all things look blue, and yet he keeps the toothache.

A judge in Connecticut sent a man who had robbed a bank of \$70,000 to tion, depending simply on the context prison for five years, and gave an eight years' term to another man ing words demand. who had stolen a horse. It is probable that such a judge would hang a man a grammar for their language as we for stealing a chicken

CHINESE EASY

a little piece of Manila paper, covered with cabalistic and terrifying blots and strokes, for his shirts and collars in a Chinese laundry, has an inherent conviction that Chinese is the most difficult language to acquire. If he ever does give it a thought, it is more than probable that he has satisfied himself that, given the brief space of 1,000 years and a comfortable residence on a desert island, so that his attention would not be distracted, he might learn to count up to 100 in the terpieces of Eastern literature. To be told that there is a way by which "Chinese is made easy" is likely to prove too much for his credulity.

While undeniably there would be a

those strange combinations of strokes

on a Chinese laundry ticket mean, yet

no one is likely to take up the study

of a language to gratify a satisfaction

so unfruitful. That there is a genuine

value in a knowledge of the Chinese

language is vouched for by Dr. Wal-

ter Brooks Brouner, of Columbia uni-

versity, and Fung Yuet Mow, Chinese

missionary in New York City, in their

volume, just published by the Mac-

millan company, entitled "Chinese

In explanation of the comparative

ease with which spoken Chinese may

be acquired, for it must be understood

that there is a difference between the

spoken and the written languages,

take, for example, the word hand. In

German we must remember whether

the word hand be of masculine, femi-

nine or neuter gender; in French,

Spanish or Italian we must recall

whether the word be of masculine or

feminine gender; whereas in Chinese,

as in English, all we need burden our

memory with is the word hand, which,

in Cantonese Chinese, is sow. Once

learned, the word sow is irrevocably

fixed in our memory. The simplicity

be either active, transitive, neuter, or

even casual); that the language is

composed mainly of monosyllabic words, which are really root ideas;

and that a word may be used either

as a noun, verb, adverb or conjunc-

or as the exigencles of the surround-

The Chinese have never constructed

understand a grammar, but the lan-

guage does adhere to certain forms in

Made Easy."

The hurried bachelor who exchanges | the use of speech, which are necessary | ranged according to the number of to speak and write the language cor-rectly. The Chinese language is without an alphabet, but for the purposes of grading, the number of strokes in a sign, which is a word, to some extent fix its place in the lessons, which begin with "yot," which means "one," and the sign for which is a single horizontal stroke. When it is considered that some English words contain a large number of letters, there are few Chinese word signs with over twenty strokes, although the wordsign "Jarn," meaning "to praise," conlanguage in which is enshrined the sign "Jarn," meaning "to praise," con-analects of Confucius and other mastains twenty-six, but if it is used as seldom by the Chinese as it is by the English-speaking peoples it is no hardship to write it.

To express the seasons and years it will be found the Chinese are poeti- ters used in printing. fascination in being able to know what | cal. Next year is "bright year;" New

strokes required to make them, which is, in a sense, equivalent to being alphabetically arranged in English. There are six styles of Chinese writing. First, the fanciful "sun shu," a form found in bronze tablets, on porcelains, etc.; second, the "die shu," or the plain style. This square form of writing was formerly used for official purposes. Third, the "guy shu," or pattern style, the model of good writing. Fourth, the "harn shu," a stiff "running" hand, used in business. Fifth, the "cho shu," or free running hand, an abbreviation of the "harn shu," or a kind of shorthand, which is not always intelligible to an educated Chinese, and sixth, the "soong shu," the elegant form, the charac-

Chinese characters are also divided



gantly, "Begin day;" the four seasons, ideographic, antithetic, metaphorical CHINESE is "up month," and in this word will be found what is known as a "classifler." The sounds for up month are "say-ung ko yut;" the "ko" is a classifler, which is used in a manner similar to our "a length of rope," a "piece of business," etc., and has also its phonetic value.

variations-"ung-high" equals not is; 'ung" equals not; "mo" equals not and "but" equals not. The word "high" is discoveries of which there is any recused according to the context for ord in New Zealand has been made in bilers if they crowd on too much either "is," "it is" or "are," The word the Mokihinui district by Albert Win-"have" is sometimes inferred in a sen- ter, the son of a billposter in North tence and not expressed, as "I not | Shields, England. wine cup," meaning "I have no wine glass;" out to express "I have wine" or "I have" anything else, the word at the edge of a creek to pick up a 'yow," meaning "have," is used. If piece of stone to throw at a woodhen "I have not" anything the "have" is omitted.

"I," "me" and "my" are all represented by one word, "ugaw;" to say "mine" the possessive "kay" is added to the "ugaw," and it becomes "ugawkay." The word "very" is awkwardly expressed by "sup-fun" or ten part, although there is the equivalent "jo-e." Men are "male persons," the plural is fler. Women are "female person." The tenses are represented by a sign, "He has gone away" being rendered "He go" and sign of past tense; thus "ko-e hoo-e he-oo (past tense signu) lar." The query is represented by several different signs, "may" and "nay" being the most common ones.

A birthday in Chinese is a "live day," or sarn yot. When the name of a foreigner is to be expressed, it is done so phonetically. Thus Washington, whose name is more familiar to Chinese than is generally credited, is expressed by the sounds whar sun dun, which is fairly close: The characters used to write these sounds mean beauty prosper and the verb dun, which means to bow the head. Washington's birthday becomes in Chinese literally "Beauty prosper to bow the head live day," which does not sound very impressive, but the Chinese appreciate the real meaning.

The word this is always expressed as now in Chinese. For instance, this morning is "now morning," or, in Chinese, "kum chee-oo." Once thoroughly grasped the use of the Chinese verb is not nearly so difficult as is the verb of such a language is at once self-evi- in other languages. The Chinese verbs express the idea only and undergo no change of inflection on ac count of tense or mood. Consequently, there is nothing like a conjugation to be remembered. To express the time of action other words are added to the verb, which by their presence give an indication of the exact mood or tense. There are the verbs ending in the sign equivalent to "gee," which means to dwell, to live in, to rest or to stop. Thus to sit in a carriage is "chow gee mar chay," meaning "sit to rest horse car," the in being understood.

In writing Chinese one has arst to understand there are 214 radicals, ar- | the time."

"see-see," is Four Times; last month and phonetic. The names very aptly describe these forms, all being the surscribe of ancient forms which have been modernized, and bear only a slight resemblance to their originals -Philadeiphia Ledger.

MADE RICH BY LUCKY FIND.

For the word "not" there are several One of Many Remarkable Gold Dis-

coveries in New Zealand.

The discovery was made in a remarkable way. Mr. Winter stooped and in doing so he noticed that the stone was gold-bearing quartz.

Promptly he returned to the town, took out his miner's rights and with his mate pegged off claims on the ground, and subsequently sold out his interest for £75,000,

Albert Winter, who is thirty years of age, left South Shields nearly four years ago as a stoker on the steamer shown by the number of men and not liford. Some months later the ship by any addition excepting the classi- arrived at Melbourne and Winter left | New York Times, her there.

For some time afterward his family knew nothing of his whereabouts, but a short time ago they received a letter from him. The letter was written from Grannity Creek, near West Port, New Zealand, and at that time apparently he was working at the mines. That presumably was before he made his rare stroke of luck.

This is one of the biggest gold finds ever made in New Zealand. Mr. Winter is now on his way home.

Studying Celtic Language. The Pan-Celtic Congress, in session at Carnarvon, Wales, recently, is a conglomeration of several gatherings, chief of which is the great Welsh Eisteddfod. Ireland has two annual Celtic gatherings-the Oireachtas and the Feis Ceoil. The Highlands of Scotland has a Mod, and Brittany also keeps its Celtism aflame at an annual assembly. Manxland has no such assembly, but the study of the Gaelic is being encouraged in various ways, while even in Cornwall, where the use of the "language that was spoken in Eden" has died out altogether, there are enthusiasts who are trying to inaugurate a renaissance.

Sometimes "in the Air."

They were discussing various men at the Players' club when William Norris remarked that some actor's legs were too short.

"That can't be," said one listener. 'Abraham Lincoln said that a man's legs should be long enough to reach the ground. Blank's legs do that all

right." "I hardly think so," said Mr. Norris, "he is up in the air a good share of he is 187 years old and the oldest man

TWO GRACES HELD SUFFICIENT.

Third Was Sawed Off by Order of Prejudiced Stage Manager.

"That's a cheerful trio," said Charles Walter Brown, author of revolutionary hero biographies, to his brother-in-law, William Evarts, actor. 'Yes, three graces, so to speak,"

returned Evarts. They were on a Van Buren street car and passing some kind of a medical shop where three skeletons in the

window seemed to be quite happy together. The grim relics accorded with Sidney Smith's friend's idea, who wished in hot weather that he could take off his flesh and let the cool breezes whistle through his bones.

"Reminds me," continued Evarts, "of a manager I once knew who had some dealings with the three graces A star was going to act in my friend's theater, against whom he was perhaps prejudiced. In the play was a scene in which the three graces were to appear as a set piece under an arch. The set piece was too wide for the arch, and the stage carpenter went to the manager for advice. The carpenter told the manager all about tne situation and said that the star was insistent about the three graces

"Never mind him," said the manag er. "You saw off one of them graces and set two under the arch. Two graces is enough for him, anyhow."-Chicago Record-Herald.

The Dying Skeeter.

She was just a widowed skeeter.
But she'd done the best she could,
And her 80,000,000 children
Sadly round her deathbed steod;
And they sobbed to see her passing,
Deeply, duifully, too.
As in unison they murmured,
Bz-z-z-z, buz-z-z-it! buz-z-z-it! buz-q-ol

"Children," said the feeble mother,
"You are all I have to-day;
You are only 80,000,000.
And the world is cold and gray.
Can you find the luscious fever
Or malaria to chew
When my skeetlings have no mother!
Oh, buz-z-it! buz-z--it! buz-o-o-o-o!

"See, my 80,000,000 offspring.

How uncensingly live tried
To concur with Mr. Roosevelt's
Views on ratelal suicide;
Yet with kerosene they hunt me.
As they'll hunt my children, too—
Farewell!—thankless—world—forever—
I am dying—buz-z-z, buz-z-oo!"

And the 80,000,000 skeeters
Hand in hand together flew
Through the lonely Jersey marshes,
Swearing battle to renew.
"By the precept of our hother,
Brothers, let us die and do,
Leaving twelve quintillion grandsons—
Bz-z-z-z, buz-z-it! buz-z-it! buz-o-o-o!"
—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Danger in Too Much Speed. Chauncey Depew credits one of his latest stories to an employe of the Vanderbilt lines who once attended an old-fashioned camp meeting. The brethren and sisters were giving their experiences, each in the language of his own craft. First a sailor got up and told how he was going to heaven at the rate of twenty knots an hour, by a railroad man, who told how he was on the way to heaven on a perfectly ballasted track, behind the newest type of engine, and was making sixty miles an hour, including stops.

Finally, a decrepit old woman got up. "Brothers and sisters," she said, "I have been walking there for the last ciety snnubbed her dreadfully." Jack twenty years, and my rheumatism is so bad that I can't walk very fast. the name of the Lord in vain."-Ex. But, brothers and sisters, let some of One of the most remarkable gold these fast goers look out or I'll get steam."-New York Times.

His Specialty.

One of the stories attributed to Anfrew Carnegie, dealing with the folmen, concerns an old Scotch lady who Mr. Laudeman says: rovided a Glasgow workman with a plentiful dinner-plentiful, that is, as national stimulant. The man's appetite did not seem to be up to the mark, and the old lady reproached him with his lack of ability as a trencherman.

"Aye, mem," he said; "it's ower true that I canna eat a muckle, but it wad do yer heart guld tae sae me drink."-

Japanese in Battle.

I saw two soldiers who were pretty eadly shot; one of them had at least hree bullet wounds. The only thought f these men seemed to be to conceal Bright's disease. their wounds. They hurried into the lick of the fray, and upon them was that thievish air which you sometime. catch in a bad boy or a man who is hounded-the air which seemed so ill at ease on the face of a Nippon soldier, and so striking, too, because so rare. There were frightened, these ellows who laughed in the face of death, lest they might be caught by the hospital corps.-Leslie's Monthly.

Pointer for Parents.

Teach the boys as well as the girls he proper way to put the bedclothes to air over two chairs in the morning and also occasionally give the boys a 'esson in simple cooking by having them help prepare breakfast. The lad who can make a good cup of coffee, broil a steak and serve them will lose nothing of manliness, but may find the knowledge useful in after life .--Exchange.

With the Minstrels. Bones-Say. I've got something that will tickle you. Interlocutor-What is it, Mr. Bones? Bones-A feather.

Death of Christian Worker. John slurdoch, LL. D., founder and secretary of the Indian Christian Literature Society, is dead at Madras,

aged 85 years. Oldest Man in the World. Thomas Harte, an Irishman in

in the world.

Calumet **Baking Powder**

The only high grade Baking Powder sold at a moderate price. Complies with the pure food laws of all states.

> Trust Baking Powders sell for 45 or 50 cents per tifled by this exorbitant price. They are a menace to public health, as food prepared from them contains large quantities of Rochelle salts, a dangerous cathartic drug.

The more money a man saves the deeped he gets into debt investing it.

Dealers say that as soon as a cna-tomer tries Defiance Starch it is im-possible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

Hodge (who has just had a tooth drawn)-"Well, guy'nor, how much do you ax for the job? You did do oit quick." Dentist-"My charge is twoand-six." Hodge -- "Two-andd-six? Why, a doctor down at our place drawed a tooth for me once and it took him two hours; he hauled me round and rounnd the room-I never see'd such hard work-and he only charged me a shillin'."-Scraps.

Manitoba's Wheat Crop.

Taken as a whole, reports indicate an average damage of under 10 per cent in the wheat crop of Manitoba this year. The average yield is nineteen bushels to the acre, and the average date of general harvesting was August 27. There were approximately 3,500,000 acres cultivated, so the total before a fair wind. He was followed | yield is estimate dat about 65,000,000 bushels. This is the estimate made about a week ago by the Bankers' association.

> Jack-"Didn't one of those Porker girls marry an English Lord?" Mary -"Yes. But they say that London so--"Really! Then she must have taken

> > Six Doctors Failed.

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 24 (Special) -After suffering from Kidney Disease for three years; after taking treatment from six different doctors without getting relief, Mr. J. O. Laudeman of this place found not only relief but a speedy and complete cure in Dodd's bles and weaknesses of his country- Kidney Pills. Speaking of his cure

"Yes, I suffered from Kidney Trouble for three years and tried six far as the solids were concerned, but doctors to no good. Then I took just woefully scanty in the supply of the two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they not only cured my kidneys, but gave me better health in general. Of course I recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to others and I know a number now who are using them with good results."

Mr. Laudeman's case is not an exception. Thousands give similar experlences. For there never yet was a case of Kidney Trouble from Backache to Bright's Disease that Dodd's Kidney Pills could not cure. They are the only remedy that ever cured

Mrs. Waters (sternly)-"Is there a bar attached to this hotel, young man?" Bell-boy-"No'm; but we kin send out and git any kind o' booze yer want."-Philadelphia Press.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in pack-age and sells at same price as 12ounce packages of other kinds?

Gracie-"Oh! Stealing jam! I'm going to tell mamma!" Freddy-"Wouldn't you rather have some jam?" -Harper's Bazar.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of De-fiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

Fond Mother-"You will be five years old to-morrow, Willie, and I want to give you a real birthday treat. Tell me what you would like beter than anythinng else." Willie (after thinking earnestly for five minutes)-"Bring me a whole box of chocolate creams, mother, and ask Tommy Smith to come in and watch me eat 'em."-Youth.

"I must have a new gown and coat at once." "Great thunderation, woman, how can you ask for a gown and coat when you have to testify in my bankruptcy hearing next week?" "I simply have to have them. Do you think I Leeds workhouse, England, believes can face the people in the courtroom when I am wearing my old clothes?" -Indianapolis Sun.